

NAVY ACCIDENT; FIVE MEN KILLED

Seattle Municipal Offices Will Be Investigated

SEATTLE CITY OFFICES WILL BE PROBED NOW

Efficiency Committee Extends Inquiry — Mayor Brown Gives Opinion.

SEATTLE, Nov. 11.—It is learned today that the City Council Efficiency Committee will resume a probe soon of all city offices, including the office of Mayor Brown.

Chairman Nichols said twelve witnesses have been called since the last adjournment.

Mayor Brown today said: "I cannot get the idea of taxpayers putting up money for servants to use in slandering the city, however, this can be soon rectified. I'll tell the committee some of the things the people would like to know about."

COMMUNISTS OF PARIS TO MEET; POLICE SAY NO

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The Union of Communists announce street meetings for tonight as a protest to arrest and expulsion of foreign comrades. The French government officials have notified the Communists that the meetings will not be tolerated and a large force of police will prevent any assembling.

Historic War Banner to Wave Over Wilson's Tomb

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The historic American flag, carried at the head of the first contingent of American troops to parade in London after the entry of the United States into the World War, is to be placed above the tomb of Woodrow Wilson.

American engineer troops carried the flag overseas and throughout the war. When they paraded in London, in the summer of 1917, the flag was saluted by King George, and its bearers were described as the first foreign soldiers to march in the British capital since 1688.

Officers of one of the engineer regiments presented the flag to President Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson has decided that it shall be placed at the crypt in Bethlehem Chapel here, where the commander in chief of America's World War forces is entombed.

Agriculture Secretary Gore Discharged, Hospital

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Secretary of Agriculture Gore has been discharged from a local hospital where he has been for several days.

50,000 Extras Needed to Handle Christmas Mail

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Post Office Department estimated that 50,000 extra employees will be needed at a cost of \$2,500,000 to handle the peak of the Christmas load.

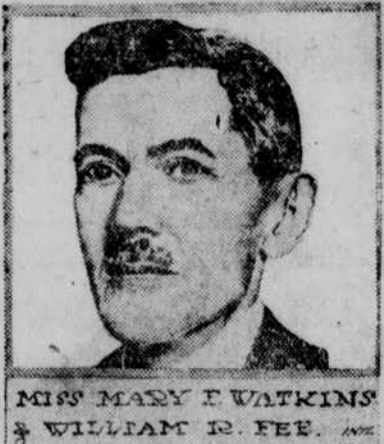
NELSON, B. C., Dec. 11.—Peter Lordly, son-in-law of Peter Veregin, killed in a recent train explosion, has been elected spiritual and moral leader of the Doukhobers.

Evidence Submitted in Mors Murder Case

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—A blood stained sheet and three crudely drawn Normal Selby wills and a number of photographs in Mrs. Theresa Mors' apartments where she was slain, have been passed in evidence by the prosecution at the trial of Selby, alias Kid McCoy.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Five intense hours of cross examination of Elias Mortimer in the Forbes-Thompson graft trial, developed several flaws in Mortimer's story concerning his attempts to obtain hospital contracts through corrupt acts.

Wealthy California Banker Slain



A girl's letter, couched in endearing terms, was clutched in the hand of William R. Fee, wealthy Alhambra, Cal., banker who was found dead in the mountains of San Bernardino, Cal., where he had gone with his family on a camping trip. He left the party to erect a radio aerial and disappeared. Forty-eight hours later officers found his body fifty yards from the cabin of Miss Mary E. Watkins, who, with a number of friends, was having a party in her mountain home. Miss Watkins voluntarily told the police she and the fifty-five-year-old banker had been close friends for years, and turned over endearing letters written her by Fee.

FROM HERSCHEL ISLAND; 5 MEN ON LONG MUSH

Party Reaches Fairbanks from North—Maid of Orleans Frozen in.

FAIRBANKS, Dec. 11.—Fighting the Arctic winter and enduring hardships in the journey of over 500 miles, afoot, over frozen tundra, Capt. T. P. O'Kelly, I. H. Clarke, Rudolph Johnson, E. J. Gall and Ambrose Agnavelek, the latter an Eskimo, arrived here yesterday from Herschel Island.

The party brings the report that Capt. Klingenberg, master of the Maid of Orleans, is frozen in the ice at Herschel Island but is safe after his unsuccessful dash to Coronation Gulf.

Capt. O'Kelly is district manager at Herschel island for the Hudson's Bay Company and he, Johnson and Clarke leave here tomorrow for Vancouver to confer with officials regarding the wreck of the Lady Kindsley.

Icy Highway Piles Up Auto Traffic

LAGRANDE, Ore., Dec. 11.—The icy highway piled 62 automobiles in a tangle in Pyles Canyon for nearly three hours late yesterday.

Bill Is Presented to Increase Navy Reserve

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A bill to create a new naval reserve was considered by the House Naval committee with Judge Advocate General Lattimer presenting the views of the Navy Department.

The bill would provide for three classes of naval reservists instead of the present six. Men now in the reserve would be transferred to the new classes without prejudice. Admiral Lattimer said the Navy hoped to have 30,000 naval reservists under the new plan.

AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY IS TO BE PREPARED; NEW YORK TIMES WILL ADVANCE HALF MILLION TO HELP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—It is announced that the New York Times, as a gift to the Nation, has agreed to advance \$500,000 for preparation of a dictionary and American biography under the auspices and direction of the American Council, it is learned.

The work will compare to that of the British dictionary of National biography, and the German *Alte deutsche Biographie*. It is expected the first volume will be ready within four years and nineteen succeeding volumes will follow at the rate of three annually.

NEW LIFE INSURANCE DURING 1924 SHOWS ADMIRABLE GROWTH

Naval Construction Program Approved By U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Senate has approved of the naval construction bill authorizing a program expected to cost \$170,000,000.

The naval bill provides construction of eight light cruisers and also six gunboats for the Yangtze River, in China; and conversion of six battleships from coal to oil burners.

ALASKA FACING NEW GROWTH IN OPINION, COTTER

Oldtime Sourdough Gives Impressions of His Trip Along Alaska Coast.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Alaska is on the threshold of a new era of growth in the opinion of Frank J. Cotter, business manager of the Alaska Weekly. He is an oldtime sourdough and has just returned from an extensive trip to Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska.

Cotter said today there are three significant developments as follows: prospectors and miners are ready to push 250 miles over the Stikine ice in February to the new fields in the Cassiar district; rich coal deposits have been revealed in the Matanuska, and the Portland Canal district is developing new strikes in silver, lead and gold ore.

Held on One Charge, Confesses Bank Robbery

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Held on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, W. M. Mayfield, 21, has been identified as Walter Fisher, wanted for the robbery of the Metolius, Oregon, bank. It is said he has admitted the crime.

Bow and Arrow Hunter Gets Good Bag, Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Arthur M. Young, San Francisco sportsman, who hunts big game with a bow and arrows, has returned from a seven months' tour of Alaska with a good bag. He will now go to East Africa.

France's Internal Loan Goes Over Top Nicely

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Finance Minister Clemetel announced today that France's internal loan for four billion francs has been largely oversubscribed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CUTS EXPENSES \$1,300,000

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 11.—The British Columbia Government has cut expenses from the record of last year to the amount of \$1,300,000, and was congratulated by the opposition for having learned a lesson by facts brought out in the recent election campaign.

FIRST REAL CHRISTMAS SEAL BABY



Gov. J. A. O. Preus & Son, Minn. Above is shown Governor J. A. O. Preus, of Minnesota, with his new baby son, whom he has named Jule Merke, which, translated from the Norwegian, means Christmas Seal. Governor Preus declared the idea was suggested to him because the inventor of the Christmas seal is a Scandinavian, Einar Hornell, a former railway mail clerk, who conceived the seal which is now an emblem of the international fight against tuberculosis.

German Cabinet Is To Resign Following Sunday's Election

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The German Cabinet has decided to resign as it is not representative of the party line-up in last Sunday's election. The date for resigning has not been fixed.

DAMAGING FOG GRIPS LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 11.—This city is in the grip of one of the worst fogs of the year. The fog descended Tuesday and has grown thicker hourly. The subways are jammed with diverted traffic. Overground vehicles barely move in the inky mist. The fog has already cost London \$5,000,000. According to all reports, the fog extends over one half of Europe.

LINER IS ASHORE. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency reports the British liner Arablan, bound from Malta to Southampton, with a large list of passengers aboard, is ashore near The Needles, in the dense fog.

Tokio Press Confirms Matsudaira Rumor

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—Despite the perch and Yomiuri print an authoritative minister of foreign affairs, of the report that he is to succeed Masano Hanfura as ambassador to Washington, the newspapers Hoshi and Yomiuri print an authoritative statement confirming his reported selection for the post.

Both newspapers say a formal announcement will be forthcoming shortly and that Matsudaira will sail for America in February.

DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS APPOINT TO JUDGESHIP IN EASTERN OREGON

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 11.—Director E. V. Kuykendall of the State Department of Public Works has been appointed to the Superior Court bench of Garfield, Asotin and Columbia counties following the death of Judge Miller. Walter B. Whitcomb succeeds Kuykendall, Gov. Hart announced today.

NAVY MEN ARE KILLED; PLANE TAIL SPINNED

Serious Accident Occurs During Aerial Target Practice, in California.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Five enlisted men, attached to the Pacific fleet, were killed, and three others probably fatally injured, when a huge twin motored H-16 type of seaplane, engaged in aerial target practice, tail spinned and crashed into the ocean outside of the harbor.

Two bodies have not been recovered. Three bodies were found in the wreckage of the seaplane.

DEATH RATE INCREASING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The death rate in the registration area of the United States increased to 12.3-10ths per thousand population in 1923 from 11.8-10ths in 1922. Only seven of the 38 States in the registration area had a lower rate than in 1922 including Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

ENGLAND HEARS DEBT SPEECH

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In his first speech in the House of Commons, Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill declared the Government considers essential payments made by Great Britain's debtors in Europe to the United States be accompanied by proportionate payments to England. This statement has immensely pleased the press and populace and is generally believed that the speech refers to France.

Mrs. Coolidge to Be Honored by University

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is to receive an honorary degree from the Boston University tomorrow when she comes to attend the installation of Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, first dean woman of the University.

President Attends Funeral of Pitney

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge and several members of the President's Cabinet, with Justices of the Supreme Court, attended the funeral services this afternoon for former Justice Pitney.

Will Investigate Weeks' Army Housing Proposal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The sub-committee of the Senate and House Military committees have been appointed to investigate Secretary Weeks' proposal for permanent housing program of the army estimated to cost \$150,000,000.

Big Jewelry Robbery Is Reported in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Four men this afternoon robbed the jewelry store of Rosenblatt of diamonds and jewelry valued between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

REAL CHRISTMAS IS ASKED TO BE EXTENDED TO W. H. ANDERSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Threats that William H. Anderson, former superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, would be immediately arrested Christmas Eve, upon his release from prison on parole on either the indictment for grand larceny or that for extortion pending against him, have brought out a request from Capt. William H. Stayton, founder and executive head of the Association Against Prohibition, asking that the New York authorities be charitable on Christmas and delay action for a week.

There are three charges on which Anderson is subject to arrest. In addition to the indictments, a complaint was filed upon which a warrant may issue at any time charging him with malicious slander based on charges Anderson made against the courts and other officials.



Remember There Are ONLY 11 More Shopping Days Before CHRISTMAS